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DEPT PASS HEW/SRS FOR DR. TRAUB

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SUBJECT: FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY REHABILITATION CENTER

REF: A. CAIRO 1849 B. CAIRO 3829

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED APRIL 22 LETTER FROM MIN HOUSNG AND RECONSTRUCTION INDICATING INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION PANEL WILL MEET IN CAIRO WEEK OF MAY 13 TO RECOMMEND SELECTION OF ARCHITECT/ DESIGNER/CONSULTANT FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. MIN REQUESTED EMBASSY NOMINATE TWO-THREE CANDIDATES FROM WHOM MIN WOULD SELECT ONE FOR PANEL.

2. WITH SUBSTANTIAL US INVOLVEMENT THIS PROJECT, EMBASSY BELIEVES USG SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO FIND QUALIFIED US ARCHITECT OR PHYSICIAN TO SERVE ON THIS PANEL. 17 OF 22 FIRMS WHICH HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS ARE AMERICAN.

3. MIN HAS INDICATED THAT EXPERTS MAY BE ARCHITECTS (NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH FIRMS SUBMITTING PROPOSALS) OR PHYSICIANS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERTISE INCLUDING SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN EVALUATING QUALIFICATIONS ARCHITECT-ENGINEERS FOR MEDICAL FACILITIES, OR MEDICAL ADMINISTRATORS WITH SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS. PANEL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REIMBURSED FIRST CLASS ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE FROM OFFICE TO CAIRO FOR LIVING EXPENSES IN EGYPT IN ADDITION TO APPROPRIATE HONORARIUM.

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4. REFTTEL A INCLUDED LIST OF 10 AMERICAN FIRMS WHO RECEIVED BID PROPOSALS DIRECTLY FROM SUBJECT CENTER. EMBASSY ALSO KNOWN THAT CONSORTIUM OF PORTER AND RIPA ASSOCIATES, INC. (200 MADISON AVENUE., MORRISTOWN, NY 07960) AND CHARLES LUCKMAN, (9220 SUNSET BLVD, LOS ANGELES 90069) HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL IN ADDITION TO FIRMS LISTED IN REFTTEL A. EMBASSY WILL SEND BY SEPTTEL LIST OF AMERICAN FIRMS SUBMITTING PROPOSAL ALREADY REQUESTED FROM GEN. DR. HOSNY.

5. COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE, TRAUB DEPARTING US WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS AND HE SHOULD BE CONSULTED PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE US SINCE HE MAY BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN SUGGESTING CANDIDATES. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY PROTESTED SHORT NOTICE TO DR. HOSNY WHO PLEADED ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS OUTSIDE HIS CONTROL. EMBASSY DISTRESSED THAT GOE, PARTICULARLY MIN HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION, RESORTING TO PROCEDURE WHICH HAS NEVER RESULTED IN SELECTION AMERICAN CONSULTANT. SAME PROCEDURE HAS BEEN USED BY MIN FOR SELECTION MASTER PLANNING CONSULTANTS FOR SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, WESTERN DESERT, AND ONE SATELLITE CITY FOR CAIRO. EMBASSY, IN EVENT NON-AMERICAN FIRM SELECTED, WOULD ANTICIPATE SUBSTANTIAL CRITICISM FROM CONCERNED FIRMS ADVERSE PUBLICITY, AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING EXPERT THIS TIME PERIOD, BUT BELIEVES MAXIMUM EFFORT JUSTIFIED.
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